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President's Message

Another most interesting year as president is drawing to a close with our fall show. As soon as one change is made, another need seems to appear on the horizon. Progress has been made in several areas.

We have a spring show set for 1995 in Springfield hosted by the local club there. We will be planning one each spring from now on with one for 1996 in the works in the Chicago area.

ILNA dues have all been collected for the year. We already have an increase in membership with just over half the year gone. Four clubs have joined since the start of the year in addition to 20 new members.

We will be recognizing membership anniversaries of 10, 25, and 35 years at our fall show on Sunday, Oct. 9th at the business meeting at 12:00 noon. I hope these members will receive their certificates at this meeting.

Sonny Henry, Mark Wieclaw and myself represented ILNA at the Chicago Coin Club 75th Anniversary Celebration on April 16th at the Sheraton in downtown Chicago. I also helped observe the 200th meeting celebration of the Oak Forest Coin Club on May 5th. Both events were well worth attending.

I appreciated the calls from Harold Johnson of St. James City, Florida and Bill Wisslead of Santa Ana, California as concerned members. Good to hear from both of these fine members who live a long way away.

Support the board recommendation in the upcoming election to increase the board to 10 members. The actual ballot will be mailed about 30 days before the fall show.

In closing, please support ILNA by attending our fall show. Attendance needs improving over last year. There will be a couple more mailings between now and then as plans are finalized.

Numismatically yours,
Kermit W. Wasmer
President, ILNA

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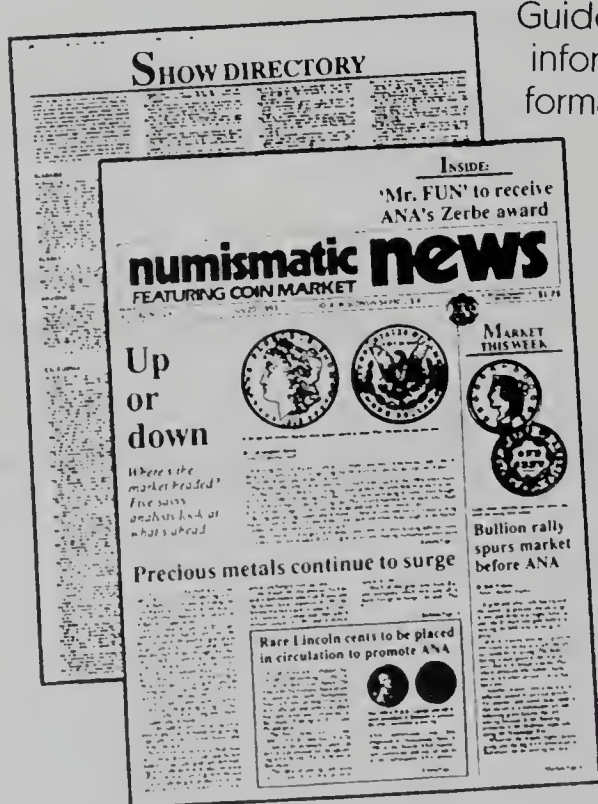
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ILNA Board Meeting Minutes

Feb. 13, 1994 Rantoul, Illinois

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Kermit Wasmer.

The following board members were present:

Kermit Wasmer	Mark Wieclaw	Jim Erlenborn
Jack Zillion	Erthel Rose	Joe Wagoner
Jim Kaczor	Dennis Witter	Duane Serck
Sonny Henry	Glen DeValk	Darrel Geiger

Proceedings were started with the presentation of a special award to Erthel Rose in honor of his 15th anniversary as a board member. ILNA salutes Erthel on this great accomplishment.

The secretary's report from the previous meeting was read. Motion to accept as read made by Wieclaw, seconded by Erlenborn. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed, read, and discussed. Motion to accept made by Erlenborn, seconded by Henry. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the I & M Canal project, Kaczor stated that Chapters 1 & 2 would be totally complete within approx. 2 weeks, with the balance to follow within the next 2 months or so.

Henry passed out lists of some long-range ILNA goals, reiterating that promoting numismatics to the young is imperative to perpetuate the hobby.

Regarding the ILNA History report, Wasmer distributed copies of a 1-page handout entitled "Past & Present", summarizing how ILNA was formed, as well as current and future goals. This handout will be given to each member and included in new member kits.

SHOW UPDATES

Wasmer stated that due to expenses in the Chicago area, there would be no Spring '94 show.

In regards to the upcoming Fall '94 Convention in Peoria, he stated that contracts have been signed and security has been obtained.

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Zillion stated that he would await a response to Wasmer's letter to CINA regarding a Spring '95 show. Wasmer mentioned the possibility of having such a show either in Rantoul or Joliet in cooperation with their respective coin clubs. He further stated that a Fall '95 show would depend on the success of the upcoming Peoria show & convention. Discussion ensued regarding cancellations and declining attendance at some major shows. It was noted that despite this, some areas (i.e. St. Louis) are still very strong.

Wasmer passed out copies of a cover letter sent with table applications for the fall show. The letter outlines table rates, and show times. He encouraged the board to distribute these applications at coin club meetings, shows, etc.

Zillion passed around a copy of the active membership list for the rest of the board's perusal. He stated that membership anniversary dates are virtually complete, and that new certificates would be needed. Wasmer replied that he would investigate the cost of having certificates printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A warm welcome was given to new Board Member Duane Serck of Mackinaw. Motion to accept Serck to the board made by Erlenborn, seconded by DeValk. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted by all that Duane has already made many contributions to ILNA and will certainly prove to be a major asset to the board.

Wieclaw, on behalf of the Chicago Coin Club, invited the board to attend the C.C.C's 75th Anniversary Dinner, to be held April 16th. Featured speaker will be ANA President David Ganz. Tickets are \$40 each. In addition, bronze, silver, and gold commemorative medals will be issued in conjunction with the anniversary celebration. Those interested in obtaining one should contact Mark for further info.

Wasmer passed out copies of a letter sent to members still owing dues. The upcoming "ILNA Digest" will be the last issue for those in arrears. Wasmer also handed out samples of the upcoming "Digest". Ad rates for ILNA members are as follows:

1/4 pg.-\$5 1/2 pg.-\$10 Full page-\$20.

Non-members pay \$2 more respectively.

Notice is given that any ILNA member wishing to run for the Board of Directors should notify Secretary Jack Zillion. Board members will be elected by ballot.

Current slate of board members stands as follows:

Kermit Wasmer, President

James Erlenborn, Chairman

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Dennis Witter, Vice President
John Zillion, Secretary
Glen DeValk, Treasurer
Joe Irmen, Governor
L. James Kaczor, Governor

Joe Wagoner, Governor
Duane Serck, Governor
Erthel Rose, Governor
Joe DeModica, Governor

Vote to amend bylaws regarding number of board members will be held at the Annual Meeting in Peoria.

Zillion reported on new membership, noting that ILNA has some new club members, including Fox Valley Coin Club and the Club Of Illinois Numismatists.

Serck advised that formation of another Peoria Coin Club should be tabled for the time being due to insufficient interest.

The CSNS election was discussed and best wishes extended to Jim Kaczor in his quest for a Central States board seat.

A committee consisting of Wasmer, Henry, and Serck was formed to explore the possibility of an ILNA-sponsored YN Scholarship Award, with funding possibly coming from raffle proceeds.

Regarding the Fall Raffle, Witter said that Westlake Rare Coins will again sponsor printing of tickets. It was agreed that a diversity of raffle prizes will generate more interest, and consequently, more ticket sales.

1994 Fall Show & Convention Committees were established as follows:

Convention Chairman - Jim Erlenborn	Tickets - Kermit Wasmer
Bourse Chairmen - Joe Irmen	Registration - Duane Serck
Exhibit Chairman - Jim Erlenborn	Hospitality - Jim Kaczor
Seminars - Mark Wieclaw	Auction - Sonny Henry
Publicity - Kermit Wasmer, Joe DeModica, Joe Irmen, Jack Zillion	
ILNA Table - Glen DeValk, Joe Wagoner, Erthel Rose	

Regarding the show's budget, Wieclaw said he would obtain a sponsor for exhibits. Serck and Henry both stated that they would make contributions to the Hospitality Room budget.

The next ILNA Board Meeting will be held June 26, 1994 at the Wasmer Residence, Watseka, IL. Motion to adjourn made by Erlenborn, seconded by Kaczor. Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zillion, Secretary



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Saturday, Oct. 8th - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9th - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

E. A. C. Meeting - Sat., Oct. 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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ILNA Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 1994 - Wasmer Residence, Watseka, IL

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by President Kermit Wasmer. The following board members were present:

Kermit Wasmer	Sonny Henry	Mark Wieclaw
Joe Wagoner	Erthel Rose	Darrell Geiger
Jim Kaczor	Jack Zillion	Glen DeValk
	Jim Erlenborn	

The secretary’s report from the previous meeting was read. Motion to accept as read made by Kaczor, seconded by Erlenborn. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was read and discussed. Motion to accept made by Erlenborn, seconded by DeValk. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wasmer gave an ILNA History update, passing out copies of a recent correspondence containing a nearly complete list of early ILNA Presidents.

Henry presented the board with an ILNA Goals report, stating that he is currently generating numismatic interest with his local area Scout troops, among others. He said that although time is a factor, progress continues in this area. He also suggested that board members contact their area schools and youth organizations. A written report will be given next meeting.

Regarding membership anniversaries, Zillion passed out a mock-up of a new Membership Award certificate. This new certificate is of a universal design that can be filled out with number of years served with ILNA. He remarked that since anniversary dates are now on file for virtually every active member, recognition will be considerably easier.

Zillion stated that a new ILNA banner is currently in the works and will be ready by show time in October. He further stated that in addition to all current board members, another application for board membership has been received from Jack Huggins of Belleville. His name will be included on the upcoming ballot.

Revised Slate Of 1995-96 ILNA Officers:

President.....	Kermit Wasmer
Vice President.....	Dennis Witter
Secretary.....	Jack Zillion
Treasurer.....	Glen DeValk

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ILNA Board Of Governors:

Chairman..... Jim Erlenborn

Board Members:

Joe Wagoner	Sonny Henry	Darrell Geiger
Joe Irmen	Erthel Rose	L. J. Kaczor
Joe DeModica	Duane Serck	Jack Huggins

There will be a ballot in the upcoming ILNA Digest regarding enlarging the board to 10 members. Election will be Sunday, Oct. 9th at the Peoria show & convention.

Recognition and hearty congratulations were given to Jim Kaczor on his election to the Central States Numismatic Society board. Through Jim, ILNA will have a strong link with CSNS.

Regarding a possible ILNA Young Numismatist scholarship, Wasmer said that he has contacted both the ANA and CSNS for information on their respective programs, stating that they will be helpful in formulating an ILNA program. A more detailed study will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wasmer & Zillion distributed updated active membership lists, noting that ILNA rolls are growing once again. Wasmer passed out lists of dropped members, noting that some may pay dues between now and the fall show.

Concerning 1995 shows, Wasmer announced that an ILNA/CINA spring show will be held March 19, 1995 in Springfield. Discussion ensued regarding the date for the Peoria Fall Show in '95. Motion to hold show on Oct. 6th, 7th, and 8th made by Erlenborn, seconded by Kaczor. Motion carried. A Spring 1996 show will likely be held in Schaumburg in conjunction with the Schaumburg Coin Club spring show March 31, 1996.

Wasmer told of his and other board members' attendance at the Chicago Coin Club 75th Anniversary show & Banquet, as well as his attendance at the CSNS show in Indianapolis, the EAC show in Las Vegas, and the Oak Forest Coin Club's 200th Anniversary Meeting. He asked the board to contact other societies regarding possibly holding meetings at ILNA shows.

Erlenborn told the board of a young people's business seminar that he recently conducted. At one class meeting, board member Dennis Witter was a guest speaker. His discussion and question/answer session on numismatics was very well received by all present.

Wasmer stated that July 10th would be the deadline for anyone wishing to contribute

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to the next ILNA Digest.

The revised fall show budget and show chairmanships were discussed. Wieclaw stated that Harlan J. Berk will sponsor exhibits. Erlenborn added that he would supply the Best Of Show award.

Regarding seminars, Wieclaw remarked that he is working on expanding the list of speakers.

Motion made to restructure treasurer and secretary salaries made by Erlenborn, seconded by Geiger. Motion carried, with Zillion abstaining.

The next board meeting will be held in Peoria, Illinois on October 9, 1994 in conjunction with the Fall Show and Convention.

Motion to adjourn made by Erlenborn, seconded by Rose. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zillion, Secretary

Board Holds Family Picnic In Watseka



1st row: Jim Erlenborn. 2nd row: Erthel Rose, Kermit Wasmer, L. J. Kaczor. 3rd row: Sonny Henry, Joe Wagoner, Darrell Geiger, Mark Wieclaw. 4th row: Glen DeValck, Jack Zillion.

ILNA Wives and Families Attend Summer Picnic



Seated: Donna Wasmer, Patricia Erlenborn and friend Lindsay Hocking, Ronda DeValk. Standing: Nancy Erlenborn, Sharon Henry, Erica Henry and friend Jamie, Dorthy Wagoner, Louise Rose Penny Kaczor.



"Jimmie" cooking brats at the picnic.

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John Wright will speak and attribute Large Cents on Saturday and Sunday. Stop by his table and talk about early coppers.

Coinology

by Jimmy Kaczor
Bryan Money

Who was the man that was called the "Boy Wonder of the Platte" and what does he have to do with coin collecting? Actually, he had quite a little effect on the hobby.

From the time when men bartered for their needs, something served the purpose of medium of exchange; be it a cow, horse, salt or a bushel of apples. When metals were found to be a useful medium of exchange, it was a boon to mankind. It was soon found that some metals were better suited to the purpose than others. The first of these was electrum which was used mainly in Greece and her colonies. Silver and gold were later found to be ideally suited for the purpose of exchange. If you have a King James Version of the Bible handy, read Genesis 23:16. Notice it says: "He weighted unto him four hundred shekels of silver".

From those ancient days to now, precious metals have been used as money. There being a difference in value between silver and gold, some means of parity had to be found. The ratio has been as low as 10:1 (silver to gold) to as much as 20:1, depending on the time and place. At the time of the founding of our country, Jefferson and Hamilton suggested a ratio of 15 1/2:1. For the biggest share of the time in the United States, the ratio has been 16:1.

Now where does William Jennings Bryan come into all of this? In 1873, Congress passed a bill about minting of U.S. coins. For some reason, it did not include making silver dollars. (Now called the crime of '73, it really wasn't.) Then we had the Bland-Allison Act. I will write about it in future issues as I don't have the space here.

During the time of the presidential election of 1896, the big issue was: Should we have a gold standard, silver standard or a bi-metal monetary system. Richard Bland was the leading candidate for the Democratic party. They held their convention in Chicago that year. Bryan sat on the Resolutions Committee that wrote the plank on free coinage of silver. When the floor debate took place, Bryan was the last speaker (by arrangement). Bryan then delivered his famous cross of death speech which closed with these words: "Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the labouring interests and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demands for a gold standard by saying to them: You shall not press down upon the brow of labour this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold.".

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The speech was just what the convention wanted to hear. Bland led on the first ballot, but the tide turned, and on each ballot, Bryan gained. By the fifth ballot he was nominated as the Democratic presidential candidate.

Bryan campaigned by covering the country by railroad. W. McKinley was nominated by the Republicans at St. Louis and sat at home on his front porch and won the election.

Bryan money is in fact satirical tokens of the election of 1896 and 1900. These are chiefly of base metals; lead babbitt metal, printer type metal and the like. They will have some wording as "16 to 1 nit (not): or "In God We Trust, In Bryan We Bust".

Not all pieces were of a satirical nature. There were some made of good silver and are known as comparative pieces. These were made by such companies as Tiffany & Co. and Gorham Mfg. Co.

A standard dollar contains 412 1/2 grains of 900 fine silver. These comparative pieces were much larger and a standard dollar would have had to contain 776 1/2 grains of silver to equal on gold dollar.

The only standard reference to the series is a reprint from the July 1926 issue of "The Numismatist" written by Farren Zerbe. It is available from the ANA library if you are interested.

Jimmy is available to give club presentations on many interesting topics. Please contact him by writing to Jimmy Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr., Champaign, IL 61821, for further information.

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ILNA Board Member Profile

Duane Serck

Hello, my name is Duane Serck and I'm your newest member of the ILNA Board. I live in Mackinaw which is a small town outside of Bloomington.

In addition to being a life member of ILNA, I am also a life member of the ANA and the Civil War Token Society. I am also a member of the Corn Belt Coin Club in Bloomington.

My collecting interests are varied as I collect Commems, Indian Cents and Type. I have also become addicted to Civil War Tokens, Sutler Tokens and Script. Fellow board members Dennis Witter and Jack Zillion got me hooked on tokens. I am hoping to put together a complete merchant set of Illinois Civil War Tokens. I'm in for quite a challenge.

I look forward to serving the State of Illinois' collectors and club in any way possible. I am in charge of the registration table at our annual show in October. Stop by and say hello and let me know what ILNA can do for you.

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ILNA Shows Growth in 1994

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New Clubs:

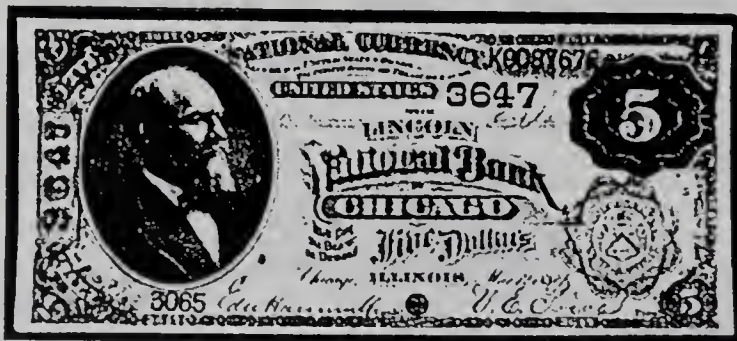
Club of Illinois Numismatists - Markham
DeKalb County Coin Club - DeKalb
Lake Villa Indian Hill Coin Club - Zion
Sauk Trail Coin Club of Chicago Heights - Chicago Heights

New Members:

Gary Kills - Sparland, IL	Dale Klenke - Worden, IL
Bobby Boyer - U.S. Navy	Stan Kurek - Wheeling, IL
Chris Napolitano - Minnetonka, MN	David Olmstead - Franktown, CO
William Shannon - Oak Forest, IL	James Stolt - Minonk, IL
Sam Themel - Downers Grove, IL	Bill Whisler - Normal, IL
Rod Widok - Bloomington, IL	Burt Collins - Homewood, IL
Mike Bohuslav - Chicago, IL	Bob Olson - Jacksonville, IL

In addition, the Waukegan Club has become a life member, as well as individual members: Wesley Payton, Roger Grooks, Joe DeModica and Frank Jackson. Life membership is \$75.00 after one year of annual membership.

We are now 28 clubs and 235 regular members strong. All dues are paid for the year by our membership.



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Notice of Election of Officers

Your official ballot will be mailed to you about 30 days before the state show in Peoria on Oct. 7-9. A list of the candidates will follow.

The membership is asked to amend the constitution to increase the board of governors to 10 members from the present 6 governors. If successful, the top five vote-getters will serve a two-year term and the bottom five will serve one-year term. If the amendment is unsuccessful, only six members will be elected with the top three vote-getters serving a two-year term and the bottom three serving a one-year term. The board recommends a vote for the amendment.

When the official ballot is mailed to you, you may return it by mail to Jack Zillion in Peoria, or come to the show and vote in person. You may vote at the ILNA table on Friday or Saturday if you can't make the Sunday, Oct. 9th Annual Meeting at 12:00 noon in a seminar room adjacent to the bourse floor. The board hopes you are pleased with this fine slate of candidates.

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Kermit Wasmer, President
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John Zillion, Secretary
Glen DeValck, Treasurer
James Erlenborn, Chairman
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Feature Article

Fractional Currency America's Necessity Money by J. Zillion, Westlake Rare Coins

When we look back at the great number of coins that have been produced over the years, it seems unbelievable that there was once a time when the United States suffered a coin shortage. However, such a shortage existed during the early years of the Civil War, which gave rise to some unique and scarce paper money issues known as Fractional Currency.

Shortly after the beginning of the Civil War, banks stopped all payments in specie (hard currency), which limited coin supplies to those already in circulation. Coin hoarding soon became so widespread that storekeepers were unable to make change in the course of their daily business transactions. As a result, customers were forced to accept their change in the form of unwanted goods. This situation generated such a public outcry that the Treasury Department was soon forced to take action.

At the request of the United States Treasurer, General Spinner, Congress passed the Act of July 17, 1862, authorizing the issue of 5, 10, 25, and 50 cent notes. These became known as "Postage Currency" due to the fact that their face designs bore facsimiles of the then-current 5 and 10 cent postage stamps. Some of these first issues were perforated, much like a stamp; later issues were produced with straight edges. These notes were the first of five issues produced between 1862 and 1876. The second through fifth issues were called "Fractional Currency" and were authorized by the Act of March 3, 1863. Although not stated on every note, all issues of Postage and Fractional Currency were receivable for all U.S. Postage Stamps.

During its 14-year run, Fractional Currency was issued in denominations of 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50 cents. In general, the higher denomination notes are scarcest, mainly due to a lesser commercial demand for them. Proof and specimen notes exist in several different varieties, none of which were placed in circulation. In 1866 and 1867, the Treasury Department made "Fractional Currency Shields", on which were mounted 39 specimens of fractional notes. Each note was printed on one side only, so that obverse and reverse appear as separate notes. These shields were printed for sale to banks as aids in counterfeit detection. Those that are still intact today are very rare and sought after by collectors.

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Of the estimated 369 million dollars in Fractional Currency originally issued, less than 1 % exists today, and of that number, it is estimated that less than 20 % are known in higher than an "average circulated" condition. Many astute collectors are acquiring these scarce collectibles at today's reasonable levels, taking advantage of one of the true "sleeper" areas in today's currency market.

This is the sixth of a regular series of articles on paper money and coins throughout the history of our country. We hope you will find it both interesting and informative.

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Research Is A Big Part Of Collecting

by Howard W. Ribbentrop #1649

Oak Forest, IL

Aside from the regular thrills of collecting, every once in a while we are subject to that rare occurrence of unknowingly acquiring a piece that after a little research, turns out to be the "creme de la creme". The elixir and the very quintessence of the collector's needs to drive him/her on to greater explorations. It doesn't happen a lot to us, but when it does, it makes all of our collecting experiences, good and bad, worth while. Allow me to tell you a little story about a medal I purchased.

I have been a collector of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln material for about 10 years. Medals, tokens, anything I can get my hands on within my budget. Back in Autumn of 1990, at the Oak Forest Coin Club Show, Bill Swoger, a dealer and friend of mine, had brought some Washington and Lincoln medals and tokens for me to look over. I would venture a guess that many of you readers know Bill. He is well known in the Midwest area and a very likable guy who has a story to tell on everything he sells. Also a great researcher and writer who has contributed much new information on the Brasher Doubloon. Amongst the material he brought was a large bronze George Washington medal, 62 MM in diameter, issued in 1939 by the American Numismatic Society for the New York Worlds Fair. It is listed as 3000A in the Baker catalog and this specimen was a nice Unc.

On the obverse is Washington's bust full right in military dress and the legend, "One Hundred And Fiftieth Anniversary - 1789-1939". On the reverse was 13 stars around the border and centered was the legend, "To Commemorate The Inauguration Of George Washington - First President Of The United States - April 30th, 1789".

I had seen this medal only one time before this and the price tag was almost doubled at what Bill had it. Yet it was still too high for me and I took a pass on it even though Bill said it was destined to go into my exhibit. (I was exhibiting 5 cases of Washington tokens and medals at the show.) I did purchase four other medals and kind of just drooled on the ANS medal. You know the feeling of really wanting something that is always just beyond your financial reach. Terrible feeling isn't it? It becomes a question whether the family has to eat or I needed the medal. And if I bought the medal would it be possible to cook it for eating if needed.

On Sunday, June 24th of 1991, I got a call from Bill Swoger. He said he was in town (He lives in Lake Odessa, Michigan) and he had some more Washington pieces for me to look at. When he arrived, we sat at the kitchen table and he laid out seven medals

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and tokens. One of them just happened to be Baker 3000A. I told him again that I could not afford the piece at this time and he said, "You know Howard, this medal belongs in your collection, now what do I have to do for you to buy it. It has a low serial number on the edge and probably was issued to someone of importance." Bingo! I never noticed the serial number when I had it in my hands nine months ago. It was the number "9". Or was it "6"? Bill said it was "6". So after some "kitchen table haggling" I got Swoger down 20% on his price and I purchased the medal. Needless to say I was exuberant over the purchase. But the best was yet to come.

My curiosity got the best of me about a week later and I wrote a letter to the American Numismatic Society to "whom it may concern". In the letter I explained what I had and asked how to read the serial number, who was the designer, who it was struck by, and if possible to whom it was issued to. On the 11th of July, I received a letter from Alan M. Stahl, Curator of Medals and Decorations of the ANS. The contents of the letter explained that the sculptor of the medal was Albert Stewart. It was struck by the Medallic Art Company, then in New York City. Their records indicated that only 100 pieces were struck in bronze and 38 in silver. The medals were serial numbered right side up when the obverse of the piece is facing down. My medal was number 9. And according to their records, bronze medal #9 was sold to Edward T. Newell.

I could never begin to tell you the excitement I felt. I had in my possession a medal which belonged to one of the preeminent numismatic scholars of this century. Newell was the world's leading expert and author of many books and writings on Ancient Greek and Roman coins. He died at the age of 55 in 1941 but his books remain to this day, the most authoritative on the subject. His collection contained more than 87,000 coins of which 83,000 were ancients. His resume reads like a historical document destined to go unchallenged. (See the Sept. 1991 issue of "The Numismatist"; ANA Profiles In Numismatics.) And I have a piece that was once a part of his own collection of medals. I couldn't believe it!

So this medal was a purchase that was 9 months in the making. What would have been an excellent addition to my collection turned out to be the "star" of my collection. Not because of its mintage or condition but to whom it belonged. The price I paid is but a fraction of what I now deem it's worth. I didn't know it at the time of purchase. A little research did the trick!

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The Oak Forest Coin Club

The Oak Forest Coin Club has issued a souvenir sheet to commemorate their 200th meeting on Friday, May 5, 1994. The club meetings are held at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest.

The souvenir sheets are printed on 8 1/2 X 11 yellow card stock, serial numbered, and depict two admission tickets to the World Columbian Exposition. Up to 1892, this small farm community was nothing but a train stop 30 miles southwest of Chicago. The name was adopted as a need for the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad timetable during the run of up-coming Worlds Fair in 1893. Oak Forest is also famous for "Bachelors Grove Cemetery". The subject of many books and television shows for its paranormal sighting.

Collectors can obtain copies of the souvenir sheet by mailing \$3.50 for each one to:
The Oak Forest Coin Club, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

Editor's note: The main context of this commemorative sheet was printed in the Winter/Spring 1994 Digest. For the official souvenir sheet, send to the address above.

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Oak Forest Club Celebrates 200 Meetings On May 5th, 1994



Howard Ribbentrop, club secretary, reviews the club's history with approximately 50 members attending the celebration. Seated to Howard's left is Burt Collins, Club President and Will Shannon, Junior Club President. More information can be obtained on this very active group by writing:

Howard Ribbentrop, 14849 Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

*The Board wants to extend its best wishes to
L. J. Kaczor for his election to the Central States
Numismatic Society Board of Governors.*

The Election was held in April.

Let's Talk Currency

Reference Books

by Tim Kyzivat

In my first column about currency I emphasized the tremendous growth of the hobby over the past couple of years. The hobby is thriving with many new collectors joining the ranks every day.

For new collectors, no matter what their collecting interests might be, a very important factor is information. What information is available to help the collector to make intelligent decisions about the items that they want to collect? This includes not only information about what is available to collect, but also information on values. What should I expect to pay for what I find interesting and want to collect?

Currency collectors are very fortunate to have many excellent reference books from which to choose. There are general references that cover most all types of currency to specialized books that the really avid collector would never be without. The following are top quality reference books that represent real value for the money:

GENERAL REFERENCE BOOKS

Paper Money of the United States

by Robert Friedberg. 13th edition, 284 pages. \$20

Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money

by Gene Hessler. 5th edition, 500 pages. \$32

Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money

by Chester Krause and Robert Lemke. 11th edition, 208 pg. \$22

Standard Catalog of National Bank Notes

by John Hickman and Dean Oakes. 2nd edition, 1216 pgs. \$95

National Bank Notes

by Don C. Kelly. 2nd edition, 435 pages. \$32

Confederate and Southern States Currency

by Grover Criswell, Jr. 4th edition, 415 pages. \$32

Standard Catalog of World Paper Money

by Albert Pick. 7th edition, Vol. 2. 1132 pages \$55

Early Paper Money of America

by Eric P. Newman. 3rd edition, 480 pages. \$50

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All of the above are hardbound books full of photographs and information that will help you to enjoy your notes to the fullest. You should inquire at your local library as they usually carry one or more of these books. You can look them over and decide which one is best for you. These books are available from your numismatic supplies dealer, your local coin shop or through many currency dealers. For a list of sources, please drop me a S.A.S.E. and I will be glad to help.

For anyone interested in collecting currency, the best advice that I can give is "Buy the reference book!" Good collectors know that a reference book does not cost - it pays for itself over and over!! After you have selected a book and read it through, go to your local coin shop and coin show and look for currency. Compare notes from dealer to dealer and ask questions. A knowledgeable dealer will be glad to answer questions about their notes or currency in general. As in any hobby, comparison shopping will give you a good idea of what is available and at what price. The more you see the better able you are to make a good purchase decision. Since grading and pricing can vary substantially, shopping around can help you to make a good purchase.

A caution is in order concerning the values or prices shown in most reference books. The values are not meant to be absolute values as the market is changing constantly and the prices in the books do not always reflect the market factors of supply and demand. They are very accurate reflections of value as a note valued at \$1,000 can certainly be assumed to be a much more valuable note than one valued at say \$300. It is this relative value that should be considered when reading these books.

Good information about what you want to collect will make your collecting most enjoyable. Go out this week and pick up a book on currency and look it over. You're bound to get hooked and start a collection that will provide you with many years of enjoyment!

Tim Kyzivat has been a currency collector for over 20 years. He is an avid collector of Chicago national bank notes and other paper from Chicago. Tim is currently the Treasurer of the Society of Paper Money Collectors. He regularly sets up at the NOISE Coin Show in Westmont on the third Sunday of each month. All are invited to stop by and say hello and learn a little about this fantastic area of currency collecting.

Late Addition:

Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club will meet Sat., Oct. 8, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fall Show.

MAKING SENSE

by John D. Wright, NLG

This could be called the '1-2-3' year for U.S. coinage. It was the year that Napoleon conquered Egypt. It was the year that Jenner introduced vaccination against smallpox. And in this country, it was the year that Georgia forbade further importation of slaves. This year the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia struck ONE denomination of copper coins, TWO of silver, and THREE of gold. Over 80% of all U.S. coins struck this year were cents. Have you guessed the year yet?

The year was 1798. Almost two million cents were coined this year, using 34 head and 34 tail dies in 46 combinations. For the one-a-year collector this is an easy and rather inexpensive year, ranging from \$10 in Fair to around \$100 in Fine to \$1000 or so above XF.

For those who want to dig deeper, the four redbook listings for 1798 cents give a slight challenge. The "1798/7" is represented by three varieties, only two of which are all that obvious. These run half again to double the cost of the most common 1798 cent. The "Reverse of 1796" has a single terminal leaf atop each branch of the wreath. Two of the three Rx 96 varieties are quite rare, but the one with widely-spread date can be found with a diligent search of a few months. It will cost about the same as an Overdate 1798. The "Type I Hair" or "Missing Curl" 1798 (23 varieties) comes up much less often than the "Type II Hair" or "With Extra Curl" (23 varieties). But as a type the two bring comparable prices. All 1798 Overdates and two of the three Rx 96 varieties have the first hairstyle.

The four redbook listings can be split into eight readily-discernible groups for the more ambitious collector. Unfortunately, these eight groups include a couple of real toughies. If this level is your goal, expect to spend a decade or more to fill them all in.

I. First Hairstyle — No curl in center of hairmass at the shoulder.

Bottom of the curl below ribbon is flat.

A: Large Normal Date (S.144-149,153-154) From this group expect to get S.145,148,153, or 154. These are moderately difficult but will cost you little or no premium.

B: Small Normal Date (S.157-164,NC1-2) Forget the NC's, there are only a half-dozen of each of them. All of the others are rather easy to only scarce

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and will cost little or no premium.

C: Large Date Over 97 (S.150-152) The easiest is S.152, but it isn't that obvious an overdate. An S.151 will cost only a little more and will look much more impressive. S.150 is a rare one.

D: Small Wide Date

with Reverse 1796 (S.155) This is only a bit scarce. You can expect to find one within a year or so at a price similar to the Overdate.

E: Small Close Date

with Reverse 1796 (S.156) This is quite a rare variety with only two dozen or fewer known. It will cost you over \$500 *IF* you get the chance to buy one. Though a few nicer ones exist, don't expect to see better than a Fine.

II. Second Hairstyle — Has a curl in center of hairmass at the shoulder.
Bottom of the curl below ribbon is rounded.

A: Large Normal Date (S.165-167) Either S.166 or 167 is easy. The former is instantly recognizable by its large arc-crack at lower left reverse. This is a no-premium type that is readily available.

B: Small Normal Date (S.168-177, 179-187) This will likely be the first 1798 cent you find. It is far the easiest type. Only three of the 19 varieties of this type are rare (S.177, 180, 183). For a no-extra-cost fascination you might want to look for the S.186 (common), which has a perfect mirror-image crack to the S.166 above.

C: Small Close Date

with Reverse 1796 (S.178) This is slightly more rare than I.E above, with only around a dozen and a half known. If you ever see a VG example, count yourself as blessed. A quarter century ago a VG S.178 ran half a grand — now even more.

But if you want to chase 1798 cents in a way that will assure you a life-long challenge, try for all 46 die varieties. After 40 years of looking I still lack one of them. I know of two other collectors who lack one, and five collections that have them all. There are literally *DOZENS* of collections that have 40 or more different varieties of 1798 cents. And the supply of low-grade unattributed 1798 cents seems inexhaustible. You might be one of the few to cherrypick a few of the rarities, pay a fair price for most of the others, go out on a limb for a couple of the "gotta have 'em" pieces, and actually complete this fascinating and challenging year.

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And if you are chasing 1798 varieties and the pickings get too slim or the new purchases too infrequent to hold your fascination, you can always start picking up interesting cuds (die rimbreaks) on 1798's. Nearly a dozen varieties of this year come both without and with quite impressive cuds.

But if you've tried the cents of 1798, had your fun, and these talismans have lost their charm for you, it isn't too hard to seek out somebody to sell them to (ME!! ME!! ME!!). There are literally hundreds of collectors who consider the cents of 1798 to be totally enchanting.

For further reading:

PENNY WHIMSY — Wm. Sheldon, 1958. The Quarterman reprint has the best plates. The Durst reprint is readily available but has miserable plates.

PENNY-WISE — Every-other-month publication of Early American Coppers (now in our 27th year) — a *MUST* for the seriously-afflicted copper-holic.

BREEN's ENCYCLOPEDIA of U.S. COINS — Unquestionably the best book on all U.S. coins to ever hit print.

BREEN's ENCYCLOPEDIA of EARLY U.S. CENTS — (title speculative). Look for this in 1995. Written by Walter Breen, condition census by Del Bland, edited by Mark Borckardt of Bowers & Merena's staff, this will be the standard reference for pre-1815 U.S. cents for the next half-century or more.

John D. Wright is a leader of Early American Coppers, a contributing editor of "Penny-Wise", and the author of "THE CENTBOOK", which covers U.S. cents of 1816-1839. He has collected U.S. large cents for forty years. Meet him in person at our Fall '94 Show!

MOVING????

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Club Profile

Chicago Coin Club

The Chicago Coin Club was founded in 1919 and has just observed its 75th Anniversary on April 16, 1994 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Chicago. The celebration was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair and was concluded with a banquet on Saturday evening with Davide Ganz, president of the ANA, as the featured speaker. A medal entitled "The Discoverers" sculpted by James Earl Fraser was issued to commemorate the occasion.

The club currently has 86 members and meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Bismark Hotel at 7:30 p.m. The Club features speakers at all of its regularly scheduled meetings. It has regularly hosted ANA and CSNS shows for many years.

The Chicago Coin Club is life member #132 and has been an ILNA member since 1959. It is currently observing its 35th anniversary with ILNA.

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10 Yr., 25 Yr. and 35 Yr. Membership Recognition

The organization is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and would like to recognize the following members who joined during the following years. Certificates will be presented at the fall show in Peoria on Sun., Oct. 9th immediately after the election of officers. If the member can't attend, the certificate will be mailed later.

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Many thanks to all these members who have supported ILNA all these years. Please contact Kermit Wasmer if we have missed anyone as our records are not 100% complete. Also many thanks to Jack Zillion for piecing together our records. We have about 98% of the information we need.

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Board Member	Sept. 1993	Nov. 1993	Feb. 1994	June 1994
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- Sept. 25, 1994 (Sun.) Rockford Area Coin Club Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn Hotel, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Table fee:* \$28. *Contact:* Ralph Winquist, 1004 C St., Rockford, IL 61107. Ph. 815-963-0396
- Sept. 25, 1994 (Sun.) Rockford Area Coin Club Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn (Hoffman House), 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL (Bus. 20 off I-90). *Table fee:* \$28.00. *Contact:* Ralph Winquist, 1004 C Street, Rockford, IL 61107. Ph. 815-963-0396
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- Oct. 2, 1994 (Sun.) Danville Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* American Legion Post 210, N. Jackson & Prospect, Danville, IL. *Table fee:* \$15. *Contact:* R. L. Vanbuskirk, Rt. 1 - Box 35, Fithian, IL 61844. Ph. 217-548-2397
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Corn Belt Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the First of America, East College Office, Bloomington, IL. *Information:* Phone Bill Whisler at 217-452-6870.

Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each month, 1:30 p.m. at Frontier College, Routes 15 & 45 West, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Howard Clemmons, 805 Epworth St., Fairfield, IL 62837.

Will County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Harwood Post of the American Legion, I-80 Frontage Rd. off South Sarkin Ave. *Information:* Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL 60451 or phone 815-485-4137.

Kankakee Coin, Stamp and Card Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Bird Park Fieldhouse, Bird Park, Court & Wall Street on Rt. 17 West. *Information:* Kankakee Coin Club, P.O. Box 150, Bradley, IL 60915.

Oak Forest Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL.

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL.

Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from the hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 546 N. 6th St., Watseka, IL. *Information:* Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

Lake County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Conference room of the Sunset Bowl in Waukegan. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085.

Gibson City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Round Table Cafe, Gibson City. *Information:* Roy E. Riblet, 422 E. Chestnut St., Paxton, IL.

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Moline Township Hall, 420 - 18th St., Moline, IL, across the street from the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. South Rte. 45, back of the IGA, south side. *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Soy City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Stamp and Coin Shop, 104 N. Main, Decatur, IL. *Information:* Dorothy Runion, 104 N. Main, Decatur, IL 62523. Phone 217-423-0041.

Elgin Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. *Information:* David Jones, Secretary, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL 60177.

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. Phone 312-454-9696.

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte. 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information:* Fox Valley Coin Club, 18 River Lane, Oswego, IL 60453. Phone 708-553-5611.

Club of Illinois Numismatists (Homewood Coin Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:45 p.m. at the Marie Irwin Community Center, Ridge Road & Highland Ave., Homewood, IL. *Information:* Homewood Coin Club, P.O. Box 171, Markham, IL 60426-0171. Phone 312-476-3966.

Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month except Aug. and Dec., 7:30 p.m. at the Security Federal Building, 510 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. Phone 217-793-0919.

Danville Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. *Information:* Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL 61832. Phone 217-443-6942.

Edgar City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the Chester P. Sutton Community Center. *Information:* Jeff Thomas, Box 817, Paris, IL 61944. Phone 217-465-8538.

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